

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently amended) The ~~lipid emulsion composition~~ method of claim ~~1~~ 27 wherein the oil is selected from the group consisting of monoglycerides, diglycerides, triglycerides, and mixtures thereof.
4. (Currently amended) The ~~lipid emulsion composition~~ method of claim ~~1~~ 27 wherein the oil is a plant oil.
5. (Currently amended) The ~~lipid emulsion composition~~ method of claim 4 wherein the plant oil is selected from the group consisting of soybean oil, cotton seed oil, safflower oil, corn oil, coconut oil, sesame oil, peanut oil, olive oil, and mixtures thereof.
6. (Currently amended) The ~~lipid emulsion composition~~ method of ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 27 wherein the oil is selected from the group consisting of soybean oil, fish oil, animal oil, mineral oil, and chemically-synthesized oil.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently amended) The ~~lipid emulsion~~ method of claim ~~6~~ 27 wherein the emulsifier is a phospholipid.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) The ~~lipid emulsion composition~~ method of claim 8 wherein the phospholipid is selected from the group consisting of egg yolk phospholipids, hydrogenated egg yolk phospholipids, soybean phospholipids, hydrogenated soybean phospholipids, and mixtures thereof.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently amended) The ~~lipid emulsion composition~~ method of claim 27 wherein the emulsifier is a lecithin.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) The ~~lipid emulsion composition~~ method of claim 6 27 wherein the tonicity modifier is selected from the group consisting of glycerin, sorbital, polyoxyethylated hydrocarbons, and C₆-C₂₀ saturated or unsaturated aliphatic acids.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently amended) The ~~lipid emulsion composition~~ method of claim ~~1~~ 27 wherein the tonicity modifier ~~is~~ comprises glycerin.

22. (Currently amended) The ~~lipid emulsion composition~~ method of claim ~~1~~ 27 wherein the oil is present in an amount in the range of about 10 to about 30 percent by weight based on the weight of the composition.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently amended) The ~~lipid emulsion composition~~ method of claim ~~1~~ 27 wherein the water is present in an amount in the range of about 70 to about 90 percent by weight based on the weight of the composition.

25. (Currently amended) The ~~lipid emulsion composition~~ method of claim ~~1~~ 27 wherein the emulsion comprises particles in the range of about 0.25 microns to about 0.75 microns in diameter.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently amended) A method for removing a toxin from the circulation which comprises infusing a lipid emulsion composition intravenously whereby the toxin permeates the lipid emulsion composition and is withdrawn from the bloodstream, said liquid emulsion comprising an oil, an emulsifier, a tonicity modifier, and water.

28. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~21~~ 27 wherein the lipid emulsion composition comprises about 20 weight percent soybean oil, about 2 weight percent glycerin, about 1 weight percent egg yolk phospholipids, and about 80 weight percent water.

29. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~22~~ 27 wherein the lipid emulsion composition is intravenously infused at an initial rate in the range of about 7.5 milliliters per kilogram per minute for a time period of about 30 seconds followed by a steady-state rate in the range of about 3 milliliters per kilogram per minute for a time period of about 2 minutes.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Cancelled)

36. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein the toxin is selected from the group consisting of an anesthetic agent, a tricyclic antidepressant, adriamycin, an organic solvent, and an inhaled propellant.

37. (New) The method of claim 36 wherein the anesthetic agent is selected from the group consisting of bupivacaine, lidocaine, tetracaine, etidocaine, and alcohol.

38. (New) The method of claim 36 wherein the tricyclic antidepressant is amitryptiline.

39. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein the toxin is gasoline or N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide.